

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1065-01  
Bill No.: HB 297  
Subject: Elections: Ballots  
Type: Original  
Date: February 2, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ASSUMPTION

**Secretary of State** officials assume there would be no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact.

**Kansas City Board of Elections** officials stated there would be no fiscal impact to their election board.

Officials of the **Cape Girardeau County Clerk's** office assume there would be some reduction in ballot cost related to ballot pages.

Officials of the **Cole County Clerk's** office assume there would be some savings from printing costs. Officials could not estimate the amount of savings, however, they assumed savings would be minimal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

Under current law, separate primary ballots are prepared for each party, and a voter must request a specific party's ballot to vote in a primary election. This bill changes that system by requiring a single ballot for all primary candidates. A voter may only vote for one candidate for each office.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State  
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission  
Kansas City Election Board  
Cape Girardeau County Clerk  
Cole County Clerk



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